ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CHEROKEE ◎ BAPTIST ◎ ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

NEW HARMONY CHURCH,
DEKALB COUNTY, ALABAMA,

COMMENCING OCTOBER 11th and Ending 12th, 1898.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

ELDER J. B. APPLETON, MODERATOR, Homer, Ala.
C. C. DAVIS, - - - CLERK, Collinsville, Ala.

Next Meeting to be held with Collinsville Church, on A. G. S. R. R., Commencing on Friday before the Third Sunday in October, 1899. J. E. Appleton, Clerk of Church; P. O., Homer, Ala.

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COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

On Education—R. H. Shaw, W. H. Lackey.
Temperance—C. J. Crump, J. J. Clayton.
Literature—Samuel Sparks, C. C. Clayton.
Foreign Missions—J. J. Williams, J. H. Purtree.
Home Missions—E. Crawford, T. A. Capshaw.
State Missions—C. C. Davis, J. B. Davidson.
Sabbath Schools—J. C. Ragan, W. H. Logan.
Finance, for this year—H. J. Jordan, T. A. Capshaw, J. J. Williams.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters from the churches.
2. Reading By-Laws, Constitution and Articles of Faith.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
5. Election of officers.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Fix the time and place for holding next meeting.
9. Report of committees.
10. Report of special committees.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Read and correct the minutes.
13. Read and correct roll of members.
14. Fix the order of printing and distributing the minutes.

Standing Resolution—That any member of this body presenting a copy of these Minutes to any Association with which we correspond will be considered a messenger by us.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Cherokee Baptist Association met with New Harmony church, DeKalb county, Ala., October 11th, 1898, 11 a. m. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Samuel Sparks. Text, 1st and 2d verses of 2d Timothy, 4th chapter.

1:30 p. m., the meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Eld. J. B. Appleton read 84th Psalm and prayer by Elder J. W. Sandlin.

Appointed Elders J. N. Webb and J. W. Sandlin to read letters from the churches.

ENROLLED NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—E. Crawford, T. A. Capshaw; Beulah—J. J. Williams, W. J. Taylor, J. H. Purtree; Black Creek—W. E. Raley, W. H. Logan, J. C. Ragan; Buron, letter, no delegates; Corrinth—M. A. Cook, S. G. Jones; Collinsville—J. B. Appleton, H. R. Jordan, C. C. Davis; Friendship—W. T. Glover, J. H. Reynolds; Flat Rock—J. G. Denton, P. C. Chitwood; Fort Payne—J. D. Monroe, H. J. Hammock; Gravel Hill—P. P. Davis, J. A. Garrett; Hopewell—D. M. Stott, F. B. Hall, L. M. Jolley; Liberty Hill No. 1—J. S. Smith, J. C. Tidmore; Liberty Hill No. 2—C. R. Tallent, D. M. Pledger; Kyuka—C. S. Brooks, W. A. Nailer, W. R. Haynie; Mount Pleasant—W. R. Johnson; Mount Vernon—R. H. Shaw, J. V. Glazener, G. T. Pendergrass; Mount Zion—H. A. Morris; Mount Flat—E. K. McKenzie, J. C. Chumlie; Macedonia—W. J. Phillips, W. A. Elenburg, J. W. Croley; Mount Tabor—C. J. Crump, N. V. Fincher; New Harmony—J. N. Shirley, J. A. Smith, J. S. Bailey; New Hope—A. A. Harp, W. M. Daniel, C. C. Clayton; New Canaan—J. D. Burns, A. O. Mayfield; New Home—J. R. Davis, B. B. Roe; Pleasant Hill—W. N. Plaster; Pleasant Valley—J. A. Waldrop, M. P. Brock; Providence—W. T. Chumley; Shady Grove—No delegates; Tenn. Valley—John Slaton; Unity—J. A. Young, W. H. Summerhour; Union Grove No 1.—P. H. Carlyle, T. H. P. Thackerson; Union Grove No. 2—M. H. Dodd; Valley Head—No delegates.

Read the Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Faith.

Call for petitionary letters.

Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

Elected officers for the ensuing by acclamation. Elder J. B. Appleton, Moderator, and C. C. Davis, Clerk.

Called for correspondents and received Elders W. W. Wester and G. E. Jones from Etowah Association, Eld. J. N. Webb, H. T. Leeth and T. W. Ryeanhart from Cedar Bluff Association and Elder J. W. Sandlin, R. W. Roe and D. B. White from Marshall Association, and Elder J. W. Sandlin to represent the State Board of Missions.

Appointed Devotion committee: W. H. Logan, J. V. Glazener, E. M. Stone and deacons of the church.

Fixed time and place for holding next meeting; agreed to meet with Collinsville church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1899.

By motion; agreed to have reports on Missions read and discussed at 10 a. m. tomorrow. Requested Elder J. W. Sandlin to make a report on Foreign Missions.

Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. tomorrow, after prayer by Elder R. W. Roe.

Preaching at church, at night, by Elder J. N. Webb, text 5th verse of 2d chapter of Luke. Also preaching at Asberry church, at night, by Elder E. Crawford.

SECOND DAY—8:30 A. M.

Prayer by Elder Samuel Sparks. Renewed call for correspondents. Read report on Temperance and adopted after talks by E. Crawford, W. W. Wester, H. T. Leath, J. N. Webb, J. W. Sandlin, R. W. Roe, W. R. Johnson. Read reports on Foreign, Home and State Missions and adopted after a telling speech by Elder J. W. Sandlin.

11 A. M.—Annual sermon was preached by Elder E. Crawford; text, 19th verse of 2d chapter of Ephesians; followed by Elder R. W. Roe. Public collection, $9.01.

Read report on Education and adopted after speeches by J. W. Sandlin, W. R. Johnson, G. E. Jones, J. N. Webb.

Received report of Finance Committee; read and adopted report on literature; gave Brother G. E. Jones $1.90 to help build a church at Alabama City; appointed Brethren P. C. Chitwood, T. H. P. Thackerson and M. P. Brock to select brethren to preach the introductory and missionary sermons at next meeting and they reported Elder J. G. Denton to preach introductory sermon; alternate, Elder J. J. Clayton; to preach missionary sermon, Elder J. B. Appleton; alternate, Elder J. L. Pace; elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Louisville, Ky., on Friday before second Sunday in May, 1899; Elder E. Crawford, delegate; C. C. Davis, alternate. After the church at New Harmony agreed to endorse Brother Elijah Upton as a moral, christian young man, the association also agreed to recommend him to our denominational schools and to aid him in getting an education preparatory for the ministry.

By the request of Elder J. N. Webb, the Association agreed to co-operate with the Cedar Bluff and Cherokee County Associations in organizing a ministerial institute.

Allowed the clerk ten dollars for his services out of the minute funds and the remainder is to be used for printing and distributing minutes.

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this body is hereby extended to the members of the church at New Harmony and vicinity for their hospitality in caring for the members of this Association and that we invoke the blessings of God on them for their pleasant, loving, christian entertainment.

Received report of special committee to investigate a complaint against the organization of Liberty Hill Church No. 2.

On motion adjourned to meet with Collinsville Church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1899, after giving the parting hand and prayer by Elder J. G. Denton.

ELDER J. B. APPLETON, Moderator.

C. C. DAVIS, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR P. O.—W. H. Hearn, Rodentown; J. B. Appleton, Homer; E. P. Boroughs, Geraldine; S. C. Richards, Guest; A. N. Mince, Keener; J. R. Nix, Rogers; John Pitts, E. C. Stone, Mahan; E. Crawford, J. L. Pace, Luttrell; M. C. Dean, Index; J. S. and J. H. Horton, Duck Springs; J. G. Denton, Luna; N. F. Adams, Lay; G. W. Ingram, Tip; J. C. Morris, Powell; T. J. Lankford, Collinsville; L. Chambers, Rains; W. H. Lackey, Stella; D. M. Burgess, Cedar Bluff; J. R. Ramsey, Farrel; L. N. Brock, Collinsville; Samuel Sparks, J. J. Clayton, J. J. Smith, Sand Mountain; P. H. Carlyle, Callahan; D. A. Pledger, Starkville; P. C. Chitwood, Lebanon; E. K. McKenzie, Halford; J. J. Williams, Thirty-Nine; J. C. Ragan, Lay.

LICENTIATES AND P. O.—G. R. and R. W. Thackerson, Callahan; C. J. Crump, Crossville; E. Upton, Jink; N. V. Fincher, Ophir; T. P. Morris, Brandon; W. N. Smith, Rogers; W. J. Taylor, Ten Broeck; W. C. D. Hendon, Whiton; W. D. Bishop, Collinsville; A. A. Sanders, Tabor; J. J. Dodd, McVille.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, who were appointed to hear the complaint against the organization of Liberty Hill No. 2, beg leave to submit the following; after engaging prayer by Brother E Crawford: after hearing the evidence find no just reason why the Association should not retain Liberty Hill No. 2 in the Cherokee Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. DENTON, E. P. BOROUGH,
SAMUEL SPARKS, J. C. TIDMORE,
W. H. LOGAN, E. CRAWFORD,
J. J. WILLIAMS, Committee.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

Your committee on Literature would first recommend a faithful study of the Bible, for in it we can get the true knowledge of our Savior's love to us and of our duties to him and to our fellowman and then as helps for our Sabbath Schools the literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn. Papers: the Alabama Baptist, American Baptist Flag, Texas Baptist Standard and The Baptist and Reflector.

C C. DAVIS, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee, on Education, submit the following. The common public schools system fostered by the state is an institution of learning looking to the education of our people at large and we are

glad to see the efforts of the present time on the part of many young men and women to attain to greater profiency as teachers. Good teachers insure a higher standard of learning. We are also proud to be identified with a religious denomination manifesting such deep interest in the great cause of education. Some of the best evidences of that fact are the good institutions of learning fostered by our denomination, especially Howard College, and other schools are well equipped with the best appertainance of modern times, with teachers of unexcelled training qualifications and christian piety of which we ought to be proud and as a denomination and that we have the services of such a corps of teachers so well fitted to guide the young into higher fields of usefulness. J. A. GARRETT, J. G. DENTON, Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee are of the opinion that the report expected of them shall relate only to our opposition to the traffic in and use of intoxicating liquors. It is needless for us to enter into argument to prove that the whiskey traffic has been a great evil and that continually the history of its terrible work of destitution upon the human race convinces us that it is the most powerful element of evil in the world today. Our love for our race and desire to glorify God requires our unalterable opposition to the continuation of this great evil. We recommend that our ministers continue to instruct their congregations in the great doctrine of temperance and seek to purify their churches entirely from the use of spirituous liquors. We would exhort our brethren and sisters not only to teach temperance in their homes, but as God may give them opportunity to work to have the monster evil of intemperance banished from our fair land. The census of the United States for 1880 gives us the following startling facts: Amount paid for liquors $900,000,000, for bread $505,000,000, for meat $303,000,000, for iron and steel $290,000,000, for woolen goods $237,000,000, for cotton goods $210,000,000, for boots and shoes $196,000,000, for public education $85,000,000. The cash wasted and worse than wasted was more than the bread and meat bills increased by the amount spent for public education. It was nearly as much as was paid for meat, woollen goods, cotton goods, boots and shoes combined. It is estimated that from seventy to a hundred thousand drunkards are swept into eternity every year by ardent spirits. Nine out of every ten murders are said to be caused by liquor. It produces yearly five hundred suicides and probable more. With these facts before us and in view of this fact that there are three licensed distilleries in the bounds of our Association we recommend that the Moderator and Clerk of this Association be and are hereby authorized in behalf of this Association to ask the representative of our county to have the churches composing the Cherokee Association incorporated for three miles each way against the sale of intoxicating liquors and that they be and are hereby authorized to act in behalf of this Association to ask the representative of this congressional district, if it can be done, to have a law enacted prohibiting the running of licenses distilleries within the bounds of this Association. Respectfully submitted,

E. CRAWFORD, J. L. PACE, Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Brethren your committee on State Missions beg leave to make the following report: The State Mission Board is the organ of Baptist of Alabama. Ist in collecting and remiting contributions for Foreign and Home Missions. 2nd in helping infant churches in important points where otherwise Baptist churches would not be established. 3rd in prosecuting evangelistic work in the Christian work. 4th in doing Missionary and colportage work where such is needed 5th for caring for aged and disabled ministers and their widows and orphans against want. 6th in seeking to foster a spirit of fellowship and cooperation between churches in the Masters service a ndbringing them to contribute to each others upbuilding. The State Board of Missions

for the past year have had four men in the field and a number of missionary pastors. Brethren the State Board of Missions is doing a grand work for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the state and foreign fields. They need our help, our prayers, our sympathy and cooperation. Brethren let us talk more, pray more, give more for Missionary work and at least try to raise 5cts. from every member of the Cherokee Baptist Asssociation, so that our banner may be raised higher and many souls may yet be brought to Christ under the preaching of the gospel.

W. H. Logan, G. J. Gray, Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee, offer the following report on Home Missions: Christ said this Gospel shall be preached to all nations beginning at Jerusalem, therefore, we see Home Missions are first and we trust the soldiers of Christ will arise and assist in supporting the gospel in every dark corner and in all our great cities where there is so much emigration coming into our home field bringing their former religion and they are dependant on Baptist for the true faith; therefore let us see that our Home Board is supplied with means to employ strong home guards in this great warfare and rat choose a lion in the fairest and a cat in our closets scratching us to death.

J. J. Clayton, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee, on Foreign Missions, beg leave to make the following report: We are glad of the fact that the Lord is opening wide the doors in Foreign field for the enterance of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many places who only a few years ago were openly opposed to the religion of Christ are now gladly receiving the heralds of the Cross. But what are Alabama Baptist doing towards entering these open doors with her 77 Associations, 919 preachers, 1,713 churches and 119,454 members? She contributed for Foreign Missions $5,950.74 or 4.9 cents. This would not be so sad if all or nearly all were paying something. But when we are confronted with the fact that 12,000 are doing all the paying while more than 107,600 are doing absolutely nothing in this work, it is fearful. Brethren who is doing our paying.

J. W. Sandlin.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee		Paid to W. C. Bledsoe	
For Foreign Missions	$ 51 41	For Missions	$ 93 59
" State "	12 10	" Orphans Home	1 70
" Home "	21 07	" Incidental	1 40
Public collection for State Missions	9 01	Printing and distributing Minutes	14 82
For Orphans Home	1 70	Clerk	10 00
" Incidental	1 40		
" Minute fund	24 82		$121 51
Total	$121 51		

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, are convinced from a series of experiences of the necessity of a combination of churches, and maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of a christian union among all churches of the same faith and order, and, as we are convinced that there are a number of Baptist churches who differ from us in faith and practice, and that it is impossible to have communion where there is no union, we think it our duty to set fourth a concise declaration of the faith and order upon which we intend to associate, which is as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

2. The objects of this Association are to promote union among the children of God, their growth in grace, the salvation of sinners and the glory of God, for effecting all of which they are authorized to adopt the arrangements they may judge proper: Provided, such arrangements are in accordance with the intention of the union as expressed in the preamble and directed by the Word of God.

3. The Association shall be composed of brethren, chosen by the churches in union which they represent, who shall produce certificates of their appointment, together with a statement of the members of their respective churches—of those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead during the year, and the whole number now in fellowship.

4. Each church shall have the liberty of sending two delegates for the first fifty and one for every fifty or fraction over.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk (last shall be Treasurer), who shall be chosen by ballot out of the members present, and who shall continue in office until a new election be made.

6. After the reading of the letters from the churches, enrolling the names of the delegates and minuting the state of each church, the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws shall be read. The door shall be opened for the admission of other churches into the union. If any shall present themselves by letter or delegates they shall, on satisfactory evidence of their regular formation, faith and practice be received into fellowship upon the principles of the Constitution, by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

7. After reading the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws, and the reception of other churches, if any apply, then the Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen.

8. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order and call to its observance at any time. He shall have the privilege of leaving his seat, upon putting one in his place, and of engaging in debate.

9. The Clerk shall minute the proceedings of the Association, prepare them for the press, keep a file of the printed minutes, present them at each session for the use of the Association, and deliver them to his successor. He shall also take charge of the money and property of the Association, and dispose of them as the body shall direct.

10. In the decision of any point the majority of votes shall determine the point.

11. The Association shall recognize the entire independence of the churches as to any other head than Christ. The Association shall not assume any power over them in relation to their internal concerns, but shall aid them in any consistent manner. The Association will receive and act upon any question that may

be sent up by the churches, and attend to any case of difficulty among them which they cannot satisfactorily settle among themselves.

12. Each member of the Association will be expected to be in his place at the hour of meeting on the first day and each day of the session and remain until the dismission of the body.

13. As the object of this union is to promote brotherly love, the edification of Christians, the conversion of sinners and the glory of God, it shall be its duty and privilege to hold affectionate correspondence with other Associations, and to embrace every opportunity of doing good unto all men, and especially to them that are of the household of faith, as in their judgment may seem proper.

14. This Association shall adjourn at any time and place they determine upon.

15. The churches of this Association shall send up yearly by their messengers a reasonable contribution for the printing of the minutes, which business shall be confided to some discreet person, who shall have it in charge to superintend the printing and distribution to the Associations with whom correspondence is maintained, and to the churches in fellowship.

16. As this Association is a voluntary connection, each church in it shall have she liberty of withdrawing, upon a request setting forth its reasons for such a step—at the same time, itself, be bound to hear and weigh any reasons that may be urged against its withdrawal before its final seperation.

17. The Association shall have the privilege of withdrawing its connection with any church in the union which shall become disorderly after consistent efforts have been made in vain to reclaim her from errors.

18. No alteration shall be made in the Constitution, or in the Declaration of Faith and Practice, hereinafter set forth except such alteration shall be passed a year previous upon the minutes and the views of the churches obtained; when, if a majority of the churches and two-thirds of the Association shall approve of it, the alteration shall be made.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association an Introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same time to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. This service being performed, the Moderator, or if he be absent, the oldest minister present shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence with other Associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

These messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. The minutes of the last Association shall be read and shall form the order of business for the session. A change may, however, be made in this order on special motion.

6. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may at the discretion of the Association, be taken up any time when there is no business directly before the body.

7. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion; which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

8. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, except permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

9. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in the time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

10. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session without leave from the Moderator.

11. In order to expedite business committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association who shall be named by the Moderator.

12. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session, be opened and closed with prayer.

13. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close, and the opening of business, after prayer each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called, and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

14. Any alteration of these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE.

Article 1. We believe that there are three that bear record in Heaven: The Father, Word and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one, the only living and true God, the creator and preserver of all men of the universe.—1st John 5, 7; 1st Tim. 2, 5; Proverbs 26, 4.

2. We believe the Word was made flesh in the person of the man Christ Jesus, who is God over all, and blessed ever more.—John 1, 14; 1st Timothy 2, 5; Romans 9, 9.

3. That all scripture, as contained in the Holy Bible is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2d Tim. 3, 16; 2d Peter 1, 20, 21.

4. That the law and testimony, as set forth in the scriptures.

is the only rule of faith and practice to Christians in their scriptural concerns, and their conduct as individuals and as members of the churches.—Isaiah 8, 20.

5. That Adam the natural head and representative of all mankind, fell from his state of original purity, that by his disobedience all his posterity are made sinners.—Gen. 3; Romans 5, 12,19.

6. That by the obedience of Christ alone sinners are restored to the favor of God, and through his unmerited mercy receive regeneration, pardon, justification, sanctification and glorification.—Romans 5, 19; 8, 29; John 3, 16.

7. That those blessings are communicated by the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, so that those who are saved by grace, through faith, and not of themselves, not of works, least any man should boast not by works of righteousness which they have done, but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—1 Peter 1, 12; Ephesians 2, 8, 9; Titus 3, 5.

8. God working all things after the council of his own will, foreknown unto Him are all his works from the beginning; and that of course, all that the Father hath given to Christ shall come to Him and He will raise them up at the last day, so that his sheep will hear his voice, and shall never perish; become dead to the world and sin, be made alive to God, and shall, when he who is their life shall appear with him in Glory.—Ephesians 1,2; Acts 15, 18; John 6, 30; 10, 28, 29; Col. 3, 3, 4.

9. We believe that believers should obey the commandments of Christ and maintain good works for necessary uses.—John 14, 15; Titus 3, 14.

10. That sinners of the vilest character may obtain salvation through Christ without money and without price.—Isaiah 1, 18, 55; John 3, 16.

11. That there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, according to the decision of which the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous to life eternal.—Daniel 12, 2; John 5, 28, 29; Rev. 20, 12, 13; Matthew 25, 30, and to the end.

12. That God has instituted a church on earth, existing in distinct bodies, the only scriptural members of which are the faithful in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, who are immursed in water in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in the church relation by the will of God and their voluntary compact.—Matt. 18, 18; Cor. 1, 2; Eph. 1, 2; Romans 6, 3.

13. That each church of Jesus Christ is independent of all authority but that of her head, and she has under Him the exclusive power of managing all her concerns of judging of the qualification of her own members for the offices they are to fill, and of chosing her own officers in conformity with the direction of the Word of God.—Matt. 14, 18; 2 Thes. 2, 11; 1 Cor. 14, 20, 21; Acts 14, 23; (see original) Phil. 1, 5.

14. That the officers of the churches are pastors and deacons only.—1st Timothy 3.

15. That scriptural baptism is an ordinence of the Gospel

and consists in immersing the body of a disciple of the Lord Jesus in water upon a profession of his faith in Christ.—Matt. 18, 19; Mark 16, 16; John 4, 1, 2; Acts 2, 41; Acts 8, 12; 37, 38; Acts 10, 47, 48; Rom. 6, 3; Col. 2, 12.

16. That the Lord's Supper is a standing ordinance of the Church of Christ, consisting in a believing participation of bread and wine, to be observed in commemoration of the death of Christ and to show forth his death until he comes the second time.—Matthew 16, 28; 27, 26; Acts 2, 42; 20, 7; 1 Cor. 11, 23, 27.

Financial Exhibit of Cherokee Baptist Association for year, 1898.

Churches.	Missions. State Cash.	State Vouch.	Home Cash.	Foreign Cash.	Minutes...	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Church Property.
Antioch	$.....	$.....	$ 50	$ 2 00	$ 50	$.....	$ 250
Beulah	.. ..	.....	40	2 00	60	.....	200
Black Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	350
Buron	.....	.....	.....	1 15	25	.....	200
Corrinth	.....	.....	.....	25	75	.....	.....
Collinsville	.....	15 56	.....	.....	1 75	150 00	1 000
Frienship	.....	.....	75	1 10	60	.....	300
Flat Rock	75	.....	75	75	1 00	.....	300
Fort Payne	.....	.....	1 70	1 25	50	90 00	550
Gravel Hill	.....	10 25	.....	.....	1 10	53 00	400
Hope Well	.....	.....	.....	2 00	62	14 00	200
Liberty Hill, No. 1	2 50	80	.....	.....	50	.....	525
Liberty Hill, No. 2	4 00	.....	5 05	4 00	1 50	21 75	300
Kyuka	.....	.....	1 25	50	80	.....	200
Mt. Pleasant	.....	.....	1 90	.....	55	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	.....	.....	... ..	35	45	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon	25	.....	87	3 20	1 15	.....	350
Mt. Flat	.....	.....	2 00	.....	1 25	1 40	150
Macedonia	2 75	.....	.....	3 00	70	22 50	200
Mt. Tabor	.....	.....	.....	1 55	40	.....	.....
New Harmony	.....	.....	.....	3 50	70	.....	450
New Home	.....	.....	.....	3 38	50	7 50	.....
New Hope	25	.....	2 45	3 35	90	.....	200
New Canaan	.....	.... .	2 50	2 75	60	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	2 50	.....	40	15 00	350
Pleasant Valley	50	.....	70	2 60	75	.....	200
Providence	60	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	200
Shiloh	50	.....	.....	2 50	55	.....	.....
Shady Grove	.....	.....	.....	1 06	40	.....	300
Tennessee Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	18 25	.....
Unity	.....	2 10	.....	4 75	55	13 45	300
Union Grove, No 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....
Union Grove, No 2	.....	.....	.....	1 75	75	.....	.....
Valley Head	.....	.....	1 00	2 60	1 00	.....	350
	$12 10	28.	$21 07	$51 41	$24 82	$40635	

Associational: 90c; Ministerial Education 50c; Orphans' Home $1.70.

STATISTICS OF CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1898.

Churches.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's Post Office.	Membership last reported.	Rec'd by Bapt'm	Rec'd by letter.	Enrollment....	Rec'd by rest'n	Dec'd by letter.	Dec'd by excl'sn	Dec'd by death.	Present Membership.	Sunday School. Off. & t'ch'rs.	Sunday School. Pupils.....	Superintendent's name.	Pr'ch'g S'bb'ths
Antioch	DeKalb..	E Crawford..	J M Abercr'mbie	Luttrell.	42								42				
Beulah.....	"	E Crawford..	W J Millions.	South Hill...	69	4		1		3	1		70				
Black Creek.....	Etowah..	W W Wester.	G J Gray.....	Lay....	92		6			1	1		96	4	60	G J Gray.	2
Buron	DeKalb..	J L Pace.....	N B Moore....	Blake.....	18					2		2	14				1
Corrinth	Jackson .	S C Richards.	M A Cook.....	Tally	29		5		1		1		34				1
Collinsville	DeKalb..	W L Culberson	J E Appleton..	Homer	160	68	5	1				2	230	10	100	C C Davis.	3
Friendship	"	E Crawford..	M B Hall.....	Dawson.....	71	8				1	1	3	74				1
Flat Rock.....	"	P C Chitwood	S D Denton....	Lebanon....	83	2	2			1			86				3
Fort Payne.....	"	W L Culberson	J P Stanley....	Fort Payne..	59	12	15						86	6	42	J P Stanley.	4
Gravel Hill.....	"	J B Appleton	E B Hanah....	Brandon.....	56	4	1			6			55	6	57	J A Garrett.	1
Hope Well.	"	J J Williams.	F B Hall.....	Whiton... ..	56		2			4	1		57				2
Liberty Hill, No 1	"	J S Horton..	A B Tidmore..	Collinsville ..	82	3				7			78				3
Liberty Hill, No 2	Cherokee.	D A Pledger	W H Bagley...	Starkville....	21	6	8			1			34	4	43	C R Tallent.	3
Kyuka..	Etowah..	S L Rogers...	J H Haynie....	Marcus	76	2	9		2	9	2		72	5	50	R J Wright.	2
Mount Pleasant.	DeKalb..	E Crawford..	S Hall.... ..	Gad.	53	4	7			1			63	6	65	J B Stapp.	3
Mount Zion.....	Cherokee.	J G Denton..	A M Studdard.	Powell	67		12			6	1	1	71				1
Mount Vernon..	DeKalb..	D M Burgess.	J V Glazener..	Stella.....	162	4	9		1	5		2	169	9	50	R T Renfrou.	2
Mount Flat.....	"	J J Clayton..	J M Cash	Halford	98	3	2	2		5	3	1	96				3
Macedonia.	"	S Sparks	W A Elenburg	Geraldine....	86	3	9			3		2	91				1
Mount Tabor.	"	J R Nix.....	C J Crump....	Crossville....	48		3				1		50				1
New Harmony...	"	R W Roe	T L Mann.....	Jink....	63	4	9				1	2	73				4
New Hope	"	M F Owens..	M L Clayton..	Crossville....	152	10	1	1		17	2	1	144	5	80	B C Jones.	3
New Canaan.....	"	S Sparks .	A O Mayfield.	Whiton.....	70	5	5		1			1	81				3
New Home ...	"	S Sparks	R B Roe.....	Rains.....	58	6	4			4	3	1	60				3
Pleasant Hill....	Jackson .	E C Stone....	W N Plaster..	Callahan	35		1						44				2
Pleasant Valley.	Cherokee.	G E Jones....	M P Brock....	Leonard.....	133	14	12			4		1	124	8	50	H M Gray.	3
Providence	DeKalb..	A N Mince..	R L Waldrop ..	Chumley . ..	60	5	7			5		2	65	5	18	H A Dempsey.	2
Shiloh	"	E C Stone ...	A C Dickson..	Black Oak ..	25		5			4		1	25				1
Shady Grove.....	"	J A C Sims.	G N Cleland...	Collinsville .	24				1				25				
Tennessee Valley	Marshall.	J J Williams.	B A Foreman..	Hillians Store	23		2			1	5		20				4
Unity	DeKalb..	L B Irwin....	Wm Summeronr	Mahan	49	4				2	1		50				4
Union Grove, No 1	"	John Pitts...	T H P Thack'rs'n	Callahan	42	1				2	4		37				1
Union Grove, No 2	"	S Sparks.	G B Allen.....	Crossville .	37	15	7		2	6	3	1	59				2
Valley Head.....	"	T W Hartline	Geo Karr	Valley Head.	44					1			43				2
				Total.....	2243	197	148	5	8	112	31	23	2418	68	615		